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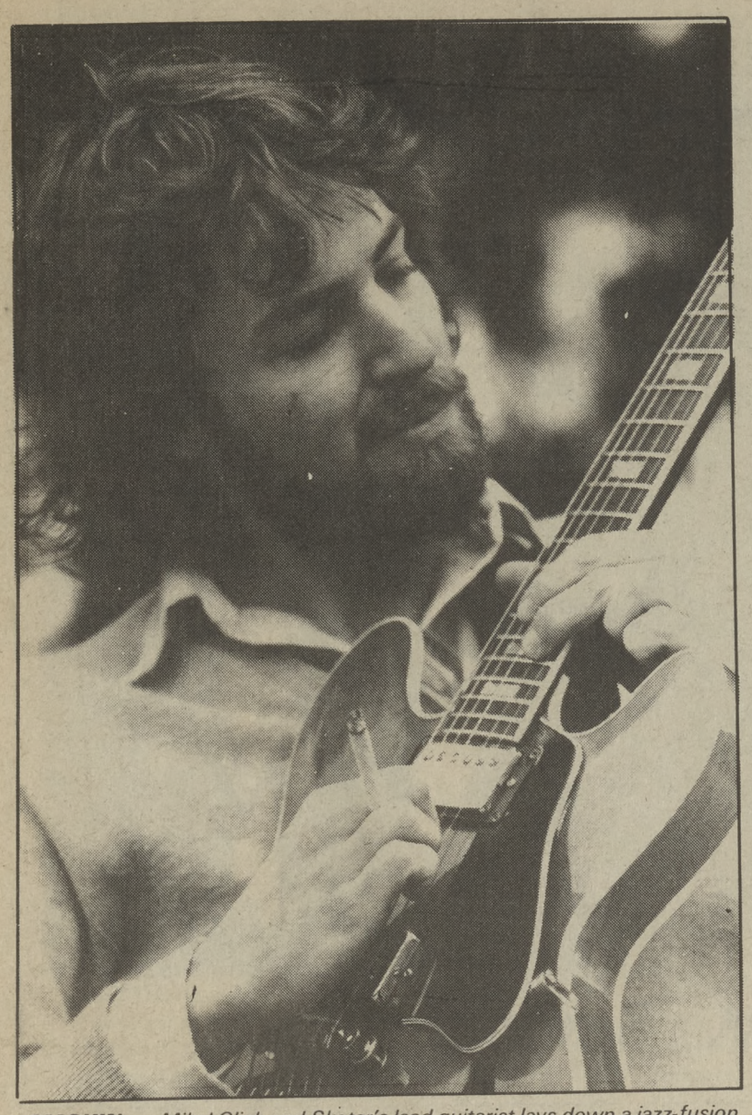

SMOKIN — *Mikal Glick and Skater's lead guitarist lays down a jazz-fusion riff during a free ASB sponsored concert Tuesday in the Free Speech Area. The ASB is also planning a swing dance, to be held in Monarch Hall later this month. Tickets for the dance go on sale this week. John Mastro, commissioner of social activities coordinated these events.*

Star Photo By DAVID P. SCHAMUS

ASB to take legal action against outstanding ASB loan violators

By ELEANOR McKEEVER
Feature Editor

Associated Student Body Treasurer Alan Seiffert said Friday that ASB is fully prepared to take legal proceedings against students and former students of Valley College who have outstanding ASB Emergency Loans.

Unpaid ASB Emergency Loans (a loan of up to $100 sponsored by ASB and available to students who have paid their fee) amount to approximately $4,000 from Fall 1980 to the present, according to the treasurer's records. However, Seiffert said delinquent loans extend as far back as 1970 and estimated that the total number of outstanding loans is 1,000 amounting to approximately $15,000. Seiffert considers this a conservative figure that does not account for the student agreement which states that seven percent interest per annum will be charged on the unpaid balance until the debt is fully paid.

"We've recently consulted our legal adviser," said Seiffert, "and we are prepared to take these people to court."

The form letters and friendly reminders sent to debtors in the past, he said, were "too nice," almost ineffectual, and did not show "a firm enough approach" on the part of ASB.

Among those with delinquent emergency loans, Seiffert said, are three former ASB officers, and others who were closely affiliated with the student government, including a treasurer, a secretary, a commissioner, and an associate justice of it's Supreme Court. Their outstanding loans combined amount to $691.66, preventing at least seven other people from availing themselves of an emergency loan, Seiffert pointed out.

Once of the semester's quota for emergency loans has been distributed, the availability of loans is dependent on how quickly loans are repaid and debts recovered.

"It is an insult to our organization that these former ASB officers owe that amount of money," said Seiffert. "And the fact that they are not even willing to pay it back is even sadder. It shows their lack of sincerity to ASB and to the students."

Seiffert said he contacted the ex-commissioners, the majority of whom have now left Valley, and approached several of them on a personal basis, but he found them very uncooperative with regard to repaying their loans.

"Luckily this council's attitude is so much different," said Seiffert. "Except for one, council members have not been taking out emergency loans."

Seiffert said he learned recently that one individual with a delinquent loan actually encouraged friends to take out an emergency loan on the assumption that it need never be repaid.

To date, no one has yet received any of the $3,500 alloted this semester to the emergency loan program, Seiffert said. He explained that ASB is in the process of changing the procedures for securing an emergency loan.

Formerly, any student with a paid I.D. who had a need could apply for an ASB Emergency Loan by simply filling out the required forms in the Financial Aids Office. Since the first day of this semester, however, Seiffert has been personally conferring with applicants, he said, and informing them of their legal responsibility to repay a loan should one be granted to them.

As treasurer of ASB, Seiffert said, he is making a concerted effort to insure that the neediest students will have preference in the distribution of these loans this semester.

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District provides site for Mission campus

B KEVIN UHRICH
City Editor

In an attempt to provide for an educational demand in the Sylmar area, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) recently purchased a 22.5 acre parcel of land in Sylmar to provide a site for campus-less Mission College, said Norm Schneider, public information officer for the district.

The $925,000 land acquisition from the Los Angeles Unfied School District (LAUSD) is to be used to build a campus for Mission, which has been conducting classes in buildings leased or rented through various realtors in the Sylmar area. Rental costs are included in the yearly operating budget of the college.

"We've been trying to find a site for a long time," claims Schneider, citing the demographic need for a community college curriculum in the Sylmar area.

The district had been negotiating with the LAUSD over the two years for the Sylmar property. Due mainly to competition and "bureaucratic delay," the Sylmar sale wasn't realized until the beginning of 1982.

"Our interest wasn't that great. We were still looking at another piece of land on Hubbard," Schneider said referring to a proposal to buy land on Hubbard and Laurel Canyon in Spring 1977.

Because of an unfavorable environment report, and the land's "seismic condition," a reference to the land's location in relation to a fault line, the district started serious negotiations with the LAUSD for the Sylmar property.

The sale of the Sylmar land was restricted to either an educational or recreational function. Consequently, bidding was limited and the LACCD posted the only bid for the land.

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Llanusa, ASB officers win top fall ASB scholarship awards

By GARY ROSENBERG
Staff Writer

"I had extreme confidence of getting the ASB scholarship award," says ASB Vice President Steven Llanusa.

Last semester's top ASB scholarship award of $350 went to Llanusa, who coincidentally made the motion before the Executive Council last Fall to raise the top award from $300 to $350.

In fact, of the 13 awards given, six went to persons directly involved with the ASB.

Top awards went to ASB officers Steven Llanusa, $350; Roger Smith, $300; Lisa Perez, $200; Kimberly Lynn Jones, $150; Patricia Louise Kyle, $150; and Marty Montano, $200.

The remaining ASB awards went to non-ASB officers including Marion Heyn-Schmidt, $250; and $150 to the following: Maureen Marcellino, Daria Carole Case, Mary Ellen Tayloe, Stephanie Romeo, Jose Herrera and Dorothy Rosano. The total amount comes to $2,500 awarded last semester.

ASB collects a total of $185,000 each year according to ASB President Roger Smith. "Most of these funds are raised through fees for student parking and revenue from the recreation room," Smith said.

Smith, who is also the chairperson of the Executive Council, states that a total of $6,000 is allocated to the ASB scholarship fund each year. It is up to the Executive Council to decide how that money will be divided up for the ASB scholarships.

The Executive Council is made up of ASB elected officers and six of them received an ASB Achievement scholarship award last semester.

LLanusa points out, that of the 13 scholarship awards provided last semester, only 20 eligible applicants signed up for it, the highest number of eligible people to apply for the scholarship in recent years.

He explains, "The reason for such a low applicant rate for the ASB achievement scholarship is because hardly anyone knows about it. There is not enough public awareness and media attention placed on this ASB scholarship."

Llanusa, says, "If the Valley Star is concerned that not enough information on the ASB

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AFT, district divided on pay increase issue

By KEVIN UHRICH
City Editor

Claiming that the Los Angeles Community College District could conceivably give each district employee a 40 percent pay increase, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has requested an 18 percent salary increase for 1982-83.

According to income and expenditure figures released to the union by the district, the district has consistently underestimated employee incomes while overestimating the cost of their total expenditures.

The ending balance at the end of last year, $38 million, became the beginning balance for this year. It is the AFT's contention that if this ending balance was spent on salaries alone it could give district employees an approximate 40 percent increase over current salaries.

Valley history professor, and AFT Guild Executive Secretary Dr. Virginia Mulrooney feels there are gross inequities between full-time, part-time, hourly wage, and child care worker's salary schedules.

"All the salary schedules should be increased by 18 percent," Mulrooney said, adding that this includes "all the different groups of people we represent."

"We want the part-timers to be paid the same rate, in proportion to their service. Half of our teachers are part-time. As it is, the part-time teachers are subsidizing the students education," Dr. Mulrooney concluded.

Phil Clarke, professor of mathematics at Valley, feels that in their attempts to be prudent, the district is presenting a "dismal side of things."

"The district is in no danger of going broke," Clarke said somberly, offering his suggestion of fiscal frugality.

Singling out Community Service programs, Clarke claims that the $7.9 million these courses generate in revenue does not offset the $4.2 million it takes to maintain them.

Since these are non-credit courses, they are "not as important as credit course programs" said Clarke, adding that the money saved could be used for salary adjustments. Though the Union has asked for an 18 percent increase, Clark feels the attempt for a salary raise will be less than successful.

"Rarely does the Union get what it (initially) asks for. What they settle for is not usually what they asked for," Clark said.

Claiming that past salary increases have not kept up with the rate of inflation, Clark noted the sharp contrast between management and labor.

"Of course, the district's counter-proposal was no increase at all," Clark said. "We negotiate from those extremes."

Ernest Marino, coordinator of staff relations and one of the three already confirmed members of the districts bargaining committee, describes the district's position as "status quo."

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Mary Ann Breckell officially appointed

By ARNOLD SOLOMON
Staff Writer

Appointment of Mary Ann Breckell to Dean of Administrative Services at Valley was announced last Wednesday by the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees. Breckell had spent the previous seven years as coordinator of those services, most recently under Dr. Mary Lee, now president of Valley College.

The appointment is retroactive from Jan. 21.

Although administrative services do not involve direct contact with students, Breckell maintained that affection for people is a strong motivation. "I like people," she said. "I like helping them."

Characterizing her job as "the things behind the scenes that make it go," Breckell's responsibilities are to such departments as the budget, purchasing supplies and equipment, payroll, personnel, the cafeteria, the book store, maintenance, and

Mary Breckell

The step up for her was not a simple one, arising as it did from a lengthy consideration of other applicants by committee and selection processes by both Dr. Lee and the chancellor of the LACCD, Dr. Leslie Koltai. Breckell, weathering this scrutiny, was then proposed to the board and confirmed.

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Trustees will consider student rights measure

Members of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) are scheduled to hear a resolution next week granting additional responsibilities to the student member of the board.

The resolution, if passed, would allow the student trustee the right to move and second motions, attend most normally closed executive sessions of the board, and to be compensated for his duties on the board.

Recent changes in state law allow each college district the option of granting these privileges to their student member. The resolution is being presented by Colotti the student member of the board.

Anthony Andino, Valley's Legislative advocate urged all members of the Executive Council to suport the adoption of the resolution. Andino made the letter writing proposal at Tuesday's meeting of the ASB saying that the adoption of the resolution was "very important."

In a recent letter, Colotti called upon students to give support to this resolution. "I am anticipating a fight," said Colotti, adding that "We must be prepared and well versed in this most important issue."

The resolution is scheduled for the agenda of the board's Feb. 17 meeting to be held at 617 W. 7th St., L.A. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and further information is available by calling Colotti at 628-7788 ext. 235.

News Notes

SCHOOL CLOSED DURING HOLIDAYS

School will be closed on Friday, Feb. 12 and on Monday, Feb. 15 in celebration of Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DUE SOON

Applications for several scholarships are due soon in the Financial Aid Offices. The scholarships include: Patrons Association, Essi e Elliot home economics, and UCLA Alumni Association. For information contact the Financial Aids Office. The amounts, deadlines, and requirements for these scholarlships vary.

LOANS AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Guaranteed student loans at 9 percent interest are available to eligible students who need financial assistance during the current academic year. Students interested in applying for these loans should come to the Financial Aid Office for applications by Feb. 15.

LEGAL COUNSELING AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

Legal counseling will be available every Wednesday in CC100 from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. Student with paid ASB memberships are invited to call Sara Motamedi or Arlene Williamson at 781-1200 ext. 243 to make an appointment.

PETITIONS FOR GRADUATION DUE

The deadline date for filing petitions for Spring '82 graduation is Friday, Feb. 26 at 4:00 p.m. Petitions are available in the Administration Building, Rm. 127.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICES OPEN TO STUDENTS

Several positions on the ASB Executive Council are still open and interested students are urged to apply. Positions open include Commissioner of Black, Chicano and Jewish Ethnic Studies, Commissioner of Elections and Commissioner of Campus Improvements.

BAKE SALE SCHEDULED

A valentine bake sale, sponsored by the Spirit Club, will be held on Thursday, February 11 in Monarch Square.

FACULTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Faculty volunteers are needed to staff "Women's Equality Tables" during ERA Awareness Week Feb. 16, 17, and 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up in CC102.

STAR EDITORIALS

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Delinquent loans

The Executive Council announced Friday that it is fully prepared to take legal action against students and former students of Los Angeles Valley College who have delinquent ASB Emergency Loans, (an interest-free loan of up to $100 sponsored by the ASB and available to students who have a paid ID).

Star would like to congratulate the Executive Council for taking a stronger and renewed approach to this problem.

In the past, the Executive Council has tried to retrieve these loans by sending form letters and friendly reminders to the debtors, but, as ASB Treasurer Alan Seifferet cites, these letters were 'too nice . . . almost ineffectual.'

The outstanding loans from Fall '80 to the present amount to approximately $4,000; however Star feels that more importantly, there are over 1,000 delinquent loans that date back to 1970.

These loans amount to more than $15,000 plus seven percent interest per annum, as charged for the unpaid balance. Star feels that these loans take precedence as the availability of loans is dependent on how quickly the loans are repaid. Many students who may need the money are denied the opportunity to receive it.

It is time for some policy changes. Star urges the Executive Council to use better discretion when awarding these loans, making sure the needy students have preference in the distribution of loans, and urges them to take actionn on delinquent loans immediately, not 12 years down the line.

Also, Star feels that Seiffert's idea of having personal conferences with the applicants is a good idea, but the conferences will have only a small effect on the repayment of the loans if the applicants assume that no legal course of action will be taken.

Star would also like to make all students aware that the expenses necessary in the collection of this loan after the due date shall be paid by the student receiving the loan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Valley Star: unfair coverage?

Editor:

After a semester of allowing the Star to criticize, insult, and belittle both the Associated Student Body and the Executive Council, I will not tolerate another semester of such unfair treatment. The Star, which has neither promoted ASB nor encouraged involvement in student government, quickly complains about poor participation on campus. With no other alternative of information than that which comes from this school's Journalism department, most students do not realize that this school's newspaper is a self-serving, irresponsible, hypocritical publication.

These allegations can all be corroborated by past incidents.

The Star is not only self-serving, but also gives preferential treatment to Journalism students. Last week in the article about A.S.B. officers (the Executive Council), I gave an unfavorable quote regarding the Star. David Schamus, the current editor, contacted Brian Deagon, the past editor, and let Deagon rebut me in the next paragraph of the article.

The many times in the past that A.S.B. or Executive Council have been maligned, I have never been extended the chance to comment the way Deagon was allowed. The Star was also self-serving towards journalism students when it ran two front page articles about the Crown magazine.

The Star has also been irresponsible. Editorials have been written without full knowledge of the topic by the editorial board. Articles have been written about events at which no Star reporter was present. Students have complained to me about misleading and false advertisements. When a false ad was brought to the attention of the Star, the Star still continued to irresponsibly run the ad. The list goes on.

Hypocritically, the Star acts as a spokespeople FOR the masses rather than providing information TO it. The Star wants Executive Council to be representative of the students, yet fails to provide such representation itself. The self-serving Star dares to criticize the Executive Council of the same things the paper and its reports are guilty of doing.

In conclusion, all of the poor practices and policies of the Star are perpetrated by individuals. Apparently, the advisor to the Star sees no need to stop such unfairness in a supposedly unbiased publication. I can only wonder whether such violations of honorable ethics will continue through the Spring semester.

STEVEN LLANUSA
ASB Vice-President

... An opposing viewpoint

Editor:

As a member of the Associated Student Body Executive Council for over three semesters, I have become accustomed to arriving on campus early Thursday morning to eye some ostentatious head-line on the front page of your paper crying "scandal!!," or "ASB does it again!"

This last Thursday however, was quite different. The shock of not being shocked was quite a shock. The paper was a surprise to me in that, although there was a story on the ASB, the piece was some of the best reporting I have seen in the **Valley Star** for a long time.

The article was on the ASB appointee under investigation for the illegal use of college facilities. Despite the fact that it wasn't a positive reflection on our organization, it was an honest and fair handling of a very sensitive subject.

The ASB is not a perfect body. And, although I would rather see some articles on the many excellent programs we currently fund and support, or on the hard work and the strive for our goals which we all display; I also want to see this organization slapped on the wrists when we need such a scolding.

ALAN SEIFFERT
ASB Treasurer

...More letters from ASB

Editor:

I am the evil person who has been using campus facilities to tutor Valley students. Those students who I have tutored are much better students as a result of my efforts. The income produced thru such "illegal" activities has in part been passed on to the Star for advertising. (talk about biting the hand that feeds them!) The story on page 1 of last week's Star "ASB appointee investigated in illegal use of campus facilities" is a typical example of the "junior high cub reporter's" approach to journalism that can be summed up in the phrase "shoot first and ask questions later." The writer obviously has no idea how little impact this story has on the school.

In other words it makes no difference. There are other stories that would benefit students more. As far as the Star wanting to work together with the ASB this semester, they have started off on the wrong foot exactly like they did last semester with the story on the ASB Executive Council retreat.

P.S. I would like to know how much use is made of Star facilities for the benefit of their members, such as use of the darkrooms, photo paper, etc. Now that would be a story!

MATT ABRAMS
ASB Administrative Assistant

Editor

To set the record straight: In the Feb. 4 issue of the Valley Star it is apparent the Star's News editor is placing undue emphasis on the "reprimand" of Matt Abrams. The fact that Mr. Abrams had been in violation of the California Education Code for tutoring students on Campus is not worthy of remark considering Section 82543 is obvious vague in relation and in application to Mr. Abrams. Furthermore, I feel the Star used poor judgment in running this article as the top news item of the week, in contrast to the Birthday Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that was held on January 15, a highly productive and moving event. However, the Star did decide to print a picture and five lines of pictorial explanation that did not quite give justice to the event in tribute to Dr. King.

On a more positive note, the Editorial regarding A.B. 1369 is a step in the right direction. I am pleased the editor had taken a positive stand in demanding the Board of Trustees take action and allow compensation for the student member of the board, as well as to make and second motions and attend executive session. As students we are responsible to look out for ourselves and for those who keep our best interest in mind. We must always be united in supporting or opposing the systems and persons that are or are not conducive to our participation in student government and the legislative process in general.

ROGER SMITH
ASB President

Freedom of choice

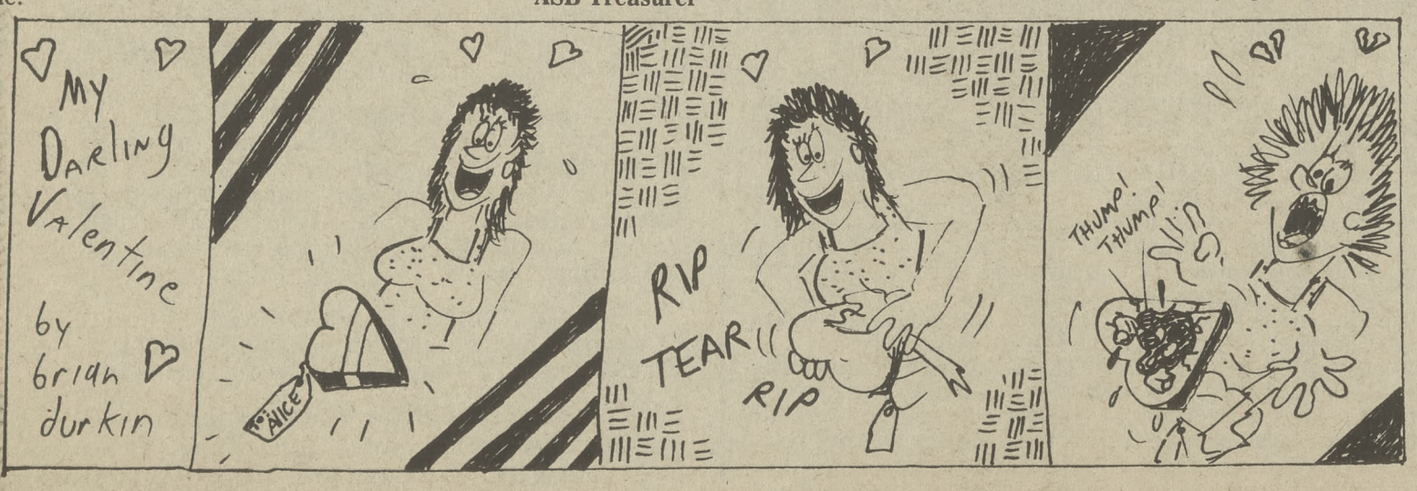
Editor,

I am tired of hearing the anti-abortionists attack abortion on moral grounds. I think it is time to hear a woman's view. Last October I found out I was pregnant. I was not yet 19. I went to Planned Parenthood in Sherman Oaks and had an abortion. What a lot of people don't realize is the emotional pain of an abortion. I still do not regret my decision. I was not ready for the responsibilities of being a mother. No one has the right to tell me whether or not to have an abortion. I have the right to decide that for myself.

According to the US Commission on Civil Rights, May 1975, "the proposed amendment would force a woman to carry a child to delivery without regard to whether she consented to intercourse or not."

That includes rape and incest! That is stupid to demand that a girl or woman bear that child. It is like punishing them all over again. She already has to bear a lot of pain. I know about that pain because I was raped when I was 14. If I had become pregnant I would have done what I did last year without any hesitation!

Name with held on request



A NIGHTMARE COME TRUE

A night of horrors at the student cafeteria

By ELEANOR McKEEVER
Features Editor

Last night I had a nightmare.

I dreamed that I went to eat lunch in the student cafeteria. I walked through the automatic doors, and all at once my eyes were assaulted with a mass confusion of color. I saw walls covered with the boldest colors of the universe-lemon yellows, kelly greens, bloody reds, brazen blues, hateful oranges. They had been splashed on side by side and were all together screaming out for attention.

I had barely recovered from the disorderly mess when I suddenly caught sight of the hard, plastic chairs, equally offensive and blending in with the multi-colored scenery. My head began to throb and my eyes to water. I wanted to escape from this horrible sight, but I could not. Fate bid me carry my ordeal even further. I watched, intrigued, as students sat on the coffee-stained seats drinking Kerns' fruit juice and munching indifferently.

Summoning my utmost courage, I ventured beyond the glass partition and in to the "food" bar. Makeshift menus had victuals exorbitantly priced. Beside me, somebody was ordering a sandwich with a bewildered look on his face as though he couldn't figure out whether he could possibly afford a slice of tomato on it. His friend had already agreed to finance a patty of butter for him.

I couldn't stand it any longer. Millions of paper cups, paper plates, plastic knives, plastic forks, and vile, green cardboard trays began to swim before my eyes. I collapsed right there on the floor of the International Room.

Yes, it was a nightmare, but I wasn't dreaming.

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from its readers.

Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space consideration. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing that are obscene, libelous or make racial, ethnic or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed, and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by 11 a.m. Monday for the following Thursday.

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WHAT DO *these two friends have in common? More than you'd think. Sandy Velasco was recuperating from the torn ligaments she suffered skiing when she learned that Brian Cox met the same fate in the same way, one week later. The pair take a lot of ribbing at Sears, where they work together.*

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Valley takes second in Forensics contest

By KAREN BAGHAMIAN
City Editor

The Valley College Forensics Team, better known as the Speech Team, placed second to Moorpark College in the Governor's Cup Tournament in Sacramento, during the weekend of Jan. 29 through 31.

According to Jim Marteney, coach of the Forensics Team, the Governor's Cup is the major tournament of the year. Students were attracted from areas such as Anchorage, Alaska and Eastern Utah. Sixteen Valley students competed in this tournament against both two and four-year schools. Of the 16 participants, 12 reached semi-finalists and 10 placed as finalists.

The participants and their awarded categories include Gene Ahtirski, fourth-place finalist in persuasion; Ray Bilbo, fourth-place finalist in speech to entertain, semi-finalist in oral interpretation; Tim Bower (captain of the team), second-place finalist in speech analysis; Brenda Carter, fourth-place finalist in speech analysis; and Andrew Dunavan, participant.

Stuart Fratkin, first- and third-place finalist in oral interpretation, fourth-place finalist in informative speech; Deedee Hynes and Keith Lebow, first-place finalist in duet acting; Keith Lebow, semi-finalist in oral interpretation; Michelle Macahilig, participant; Darin Plotnik, fourth-place finalist in oral interpretation; Darin Plotnik and Lori Williams, third-place finalist in duet acting; Allen Pollak, participant; Wendy Taber, semi-finalist in persuasion; Patty Von Wolfe, semi-finalist in oral interpretation; and Melanie Wilson, fourth-place finalist in informative speech.

Marty Taras, director of the forensics team, and Marteney were also awarded at the tournament for their "Continued Excellence in Forensics."

Marteney describes speech tournaments as "unique activities, but very much like swim or track meets." Tournaments throughout the year build up to the National Community College Speech Championships.

According to Marteney, the Governor's Cup competition resulted in the highest showing the team has ever had.

"We placed higher than Northridge, Western Washington University, University of Pacific, Cal State Los Angeles, University of Reno, and many of the finest community colleges in California," said Marteney.

"Anyone can participate," said Marteney. "The forensics team is the only intercollegiate activity that has no discrimination policy (age, sex, ethnic). There are no qualifications, but you must have a strong desire and much determination."

Marteney believes the speech team is unique in the sense that it "combines academic ability with activity."

Tim Bower, captain of the team, believes the team's success is the result of "having a very dedicated coaching staff and experienced team members."

"We are the only activity in school," said Marteney, "with a national reputation, except for may be baseball."

The next speech tournament takes place this weekend (Feb. 13 through 14) at Cerritos College.

"I'm extremely enthusiastic about this team's potential," said Marteney. "We've never had this many students (20 members) work this hard."

. . . scholarships

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award is known on the campus, then why don't they convey the information?"

Llanusa, who has received a total of $800 in ASB achievement scholarship awards over the past 3 semesters, considers it to be a "token of recognition."

Llanusa says the work he does is worth more money than what he gets for the ASB scholarship each semester. He says the secretaries that work in the ASB office get $4.05 an hour, while he works as a volunteer. Llanusa figures that on that rate of $4.05 an hour, he should be payed a "conservative total of $2,430 a semester."

Ray Follosco, coordinator of student affairs says, "There are many who consider the ASB award a salary for the ASB officers, but you must look at all other scholarships with the same analogy. Not all ASB members or officers receive the award, therefore how can it be considered as a salary?"

Follosco says he would love to see more people apply for the ASB scholarship. "There are a lot of eligible people who can qualify for the award, but they don't know about it."

Follosco says there is media attention on the scholarship, but no one really cares about it. Usually people who qualify for this award are involved with the ASB. People involved with the ASB are those who are most involved with campus activities and extra curricular activities, he says.

Follosco claims that some ASB officers don't even apply for the award because they want to give someone else a chance.

Follosco feels that Llanusa does deserve top honor for all the time and effort he puts into school, and out of school activities. "I wouldn't be surprised if Llanusa took top honor of this semesters achievement award, also," says Follosco.

Llanusa says, since there is a low turnout for the scholarship, almost everybody that has signed up, has won the scholarship without much competition.

"Anybody could have won that top scholarship, but out of the 20 applicants, I had the most points accumulated," says Llanusa.

Llanusa says that after being involved in the ASB, he knew there was money left over from the scholarship fund that was put in the ASB general fund account.

"There could be $300 to $1,500 left over in the scholarship fund," says Llanusa. "That is when I made a formal motion to the Executive Council to use the extra funds and increase all of the 13 ASB scholarships, starting with a $50 increase in the top ASB award, and less money added for each consecutive ASB scholarship," said Llanusa.

The name ASB Achievement Award has been changed to the William E. Lewis Scholarship in honor of Lewis's work as Dean of Student Services for over 17 years at Valley College. He has been transferred to Pierce College as a senior administrator.

Llanusa recently received this award in the Fall of '81. This makes it Llanusa's third consecutive ASB achievement scholarship, given to him by the ASB.

. . . Breckell

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Now officially the dean (she served as acting dean since Sept. 1, 1981, when Dr. Lee took over the presidency of Valley) Breckell has the opportunity to pursue her primary goal: "To provide a quality educational program for the students."

Breckell, whose hobby is gardening, has been in education since graduating from Cal Lutheran College with a masters degree in Administration.

Her undergraduate degree was in physical education from UCLA. With this background, she came to Valley as a P.E. instructor in 1966 and rose to become Women's Athletic Director from 1970 to 1974.

She notes with pride that two of the women's basketball teams she coached won championships.

. . . salary

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The two other confirmed members of the district's bargaining committee are Herb Spellman, employees relations specialist for the district, and Dan Means, director of staff relations. Official negotiations will open no later than March 1.

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A district-owned parcel of land in Northridge, was quickly ruled out, mainly due to its location.

The LAUSD also previously owned the land in Northridge before the LACCD was formed as a separate entity in 1969. When the school district split, the land was made the property of the LACCD.

Rally set for Equal Rights Amendment

Officials from the National Organization for Women (NOW) will speak at Wednesday's ERA rally at noon in Monarch Square, announced Jerilyn Stapleton, president of the Campus Alliance for the ERA, the rally's sponsor.

Cooper Zale, vice president of the Los Angeles chapter of NOW, and Laurie Taylor, issues chairperson for the L.A. chapter, are confirmed to appear. Other speakers might be announced later, Stapleton said.

She also said that volunteers were needed to staff "Women's Equality Tables" on campus next Tuesday through Thursday. Volunteers may contact Stapleton in the ASB office, CC102, or the S/He center, CC108.

The ERA states: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by a state on account of sex.

What's Happening

SPEECH ON INFANT FORMULA AND THE NESTLE BOYCOTT

Tony Babb, former U.S.D.A. official, will speak Thursday, Feb. 18 at Hillel House on "Infant formula and Nestle Boycott." The address is 13162 Burbank Blvd. Bagels will be served.

ALLIANCE FOR SURVIAL MEETS

The LAVC chapter of the Alliance for Survival will meet on Tuesday at 11 a.m. in CC205. Topics will be the arms race and nuclear power. For more information, call Patrick Hazlett at 845-9080.

STUDENT BODY SENATE WILL MEET

The Student Body Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11 at noon in CC104. All club representatives are urged to attend.

FOLK DANCE SCHEDULED

Folk dancing, sponsored by the International Rendezvous Folk Dance Club, will be held in the Field House on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 8:00 p.m. Admission is $1.00.

ISRAELI DANCE SCHEDULED

Israeli dancing with Haime Levine is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Field House. Admission is $1.75 or 75 cents with a Hillel Card.

"THE COMPUTER IN OUR LIFE"

The Senior Students Club presents Prof. Barbara Follosco who will speak on "The computer in our life," on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. in C100.

GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUAL STUDENT COALITION MEETS

The Spring Semester's finest meeting of the newly re-named Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students Coalition will be held Thursday, Feb. 11, in CC203 at 11 a.m. All interested students are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP MEETS

Students interested in learning about Judaism are invited to meet with the Hillel-sponsored Bible study group which will begin Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. For more information, call 994-7443.

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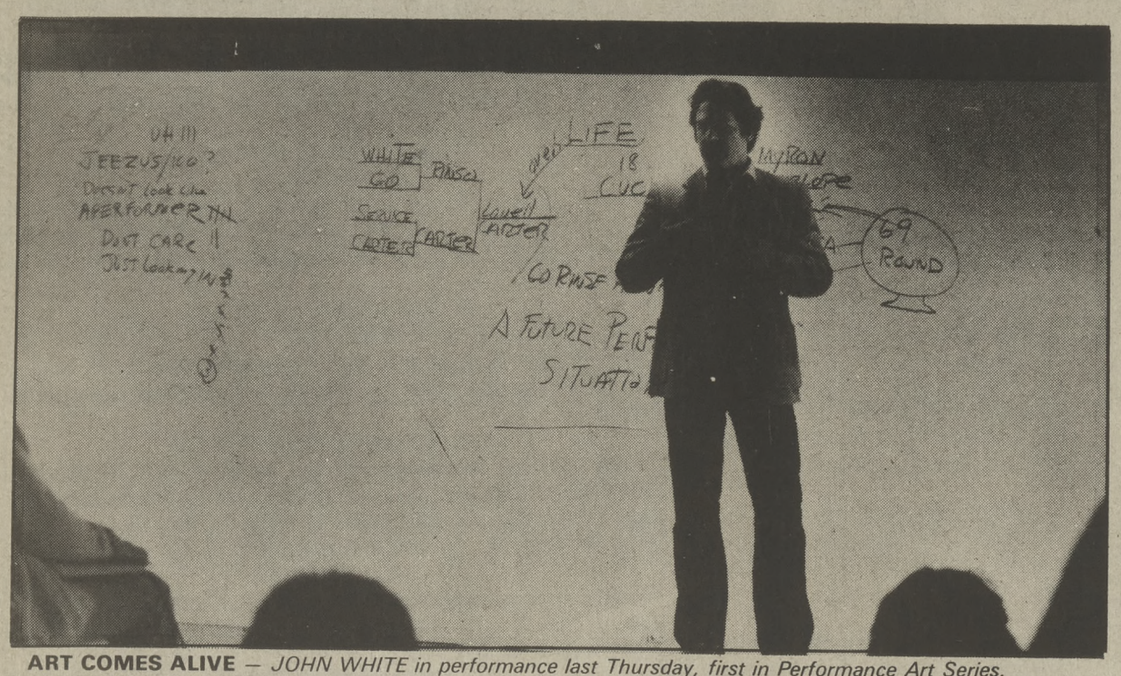

ART COMES ALIVE — *JOHN WHITE in performance last Thursday, first in Performance Art Series.*
Star Photo By DAVID SCHAMUS

First of performance series: strange marriage of stage, art

By MARIELLA ROTONDI
Entertainment Editor

The gallery was packed by 7:30 p.m. John White briefly introduced himself to the audience and turned the floor to Professor Judy VonEuer, the organizer of this presentation of the most notable practitioners of Performance Art.

White, a practitioner since the late sixties, performed Thursday at the LAVC Art Gallery. White began his performance, the first of a series of five, by showing a tablet with the word UH . . . on ceramic tile. UH . . . UH . . . an utterance that normally reveals lack of finesse in public speaking was incorporated by White in his performance. This is how White communicated to the audience and kept it at ease.

Through his sense of humor, White made everyone in the audience laugh at one point or other.

The artist was first exposed to the theory of Steve Paxton, Morris Peckman, Yvonne Rainer, and others, through Joan Hugo at the Otis Institute. White insists on structure as his key element in his works. He diagrams sounds, thoughts, and feelings on the wall, and by process of elimination he then reduces them down to the key words.

Performing since 1968, White has received two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships. His works are in the permanent collection of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Smithsonian Archives of American Art, and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

White said that 60 percent of the art is structure, and the rest relies on the performance. The structure of the paintings he presented on slides are of two dimensions. "I work abstractly, of course," said White, as he went on to the next slide.

In his live performance on the contrary, movement and time were added. "The artist is the art," said White. He geared his performance in the set space which was designated using architecture as another key for the performance.

White usually performs in intimate places in order to have close contact with his audience, which was a great part of the performance. "In New York, Art Performance is only played in bars, instead of museums or art galleries," he said.

"The audience has to work with me. I want them to feel they are just as important as the artist, letting them know that I need them." During his performance he began silenty acting out feelings, which left the audience alomost knowing, yet, not sure of what it all meant.

Performance Art is thought of as a controversial medium, because some debate its validity as a true art form. However, the majority of Thursday night's audience found it amusing and colorful, judging by their reaction. An exception was a man who walked out midway through the show grumbling, "This is too much for me," but he was indeed an exception.

"It's hard when I show my mother this kind of work after all my degrees," said White, again soliciting a healthy laugh from the audience.

In each of his performances, White was not always verbally involved. At times, silence was the main guide for his presentation, accompanied by his movements. His humor, one of his strongest aspects was combined with his art throughout the performance.

White does at least 35 live works a year at the rate of $1000 per performance. What does he use to keep each performance fresh, asked a young man in the audience: "You can work out situations, take general experiences' and put it in some kind of form," said White.

What many people fail to see in Performance Art is that "the artist himself is the art," said White. He prefers live action in the place of static art, but "the art has to live on its own. "I stay away from trying to act, that isn't what Performance Art is about."

Honor students recital to open Music Dept. concert series

By SANDRA J. TERRELL
Staff Writer

The LAVC Campus Concert Series for February and March begins Sunday, Feb. 21, with the Music Department Honor Students Recital to be held in the Music Recital Hall at 3 p.m.

On Feb. 25, the Music Department will present the Saxophone Quartet at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall, located in Room 106 of the music department.

Tuesday, Mar. 2, the LAVC Symphony Orchestra will give a performance in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m.

The Double Bass Ensemble will perform Thursday, Mar. 4, at 11 a.m., in the Music Recital Hall. This is a classical string bass group that performs professionally for the recording and movie industries.

On Thursday, Mar. 11, soprano, Mary Beth Haag, who has also performed professionally will sing in the Music Recital Hall at 11 a.m.

Continuing the series will be the LAVC Studio Jazz Band performing in Monarch Hall at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Mar. 18.

The last performance for the month of March will be the LAVC Choirs and Chamber Chorale in the Music Recital Hall at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Mar. 25.

All of these events are open to the public, free of charge. Many of these events presented on Thursdays are by professional performers. These programs are funded by the Music Department which is headed by Theodore Lynn, LAVC music professor, and by the student body fund, said Joy Hunter, Music Department Instructional Assistant.

Foreigner closes after satisfying performance

By STACEY REUBEN
Staff Writer

Foreigner, one of the most successful Rock bands today, closed it's three night stand at the Long Beach Arena Wednesday night. The crowd that packed the Arena ranged in age from 13 to 30, but age didn't matter since everyone was completely satisfied with the performance Foreigner gave.

The one and one half hour set that included two encores and such songs as "Double Vision," and Hot Blooded," was a complete success. This was partly due to lead singer Lou Gramm's vocals. Gramm, one of Rock and Roll's least known singers, is certainly one of the better singers in today's mainstream.

Gramm, along with band members Dennis Elliot, Rick Wills, and Mick Jones performed in top form. The sound filled the Auditorium and was complemented by exciting lighting effects. The combination kept the audience level high. They were joined by well known R & B sax man Junior Walker who gave a searing sax solo, on the recent hit "Urgent." Gramm kept everyone on the edge of their seats as he wailed such numbers as "Cold as Ice," and "Feels Like the First Time."

Foreigner performed with unusual zest and flair Wednesday night.

FOREIGNER — *closed their successful three night stand at the Long Beach Arena, Wednesday, Feb. 3. Lou Gramm lead singer belts out a tune.*
Star Photo By STACEY REUBEN

Critical List: Film

Welcome to the Valley Star Hospital for the Arts.

This week, the Star unveils "The Critical List," the first of a series of short entertainment reviews by the Star staff. Each list will focus on a different topic and feature a "diagnosis" with each review (EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, SERIOUS, and CRITICAL) to help you, the reader, spend your time and money wisely.

Ready? Let's begin our tour in the Film Ward:

"The Border" — condition: **GOOD.** Jack Nicholson, Valerie Perrine, Harvey Keitel, and Warren Oates in an occasionally exciting story about the flood of illegal aliens from Mexico. Nicholson is at his usual best as a bodyguard drawn up into the life of a beautiful young Mexican widow (newcomer Elpidia Carillo).

Despite a touching ending, the story does not bloom into what I expected, leaving me content, but not overly enthused. (Mariella Rotondi).

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LBCC — hot players, hostile spectators

By GIOIA DeBLASIO
and
JILL SCHULTZ
Editors

The scenario was alien to us.

As we entered the gym at Long Beach City College last Friday, a small, yet organized band played while the stands filled with enthusiastic fans.

We were awed.

The support the Long Beach students gave their basketball team truly amazed us. It's a rarity when more than the family and friends of the players turn out to support the Monarchs.

The band had stopped, the cheerleaders had cheered, and the game finally began. The fast-moving Monarchs led throughout the first half despite the seemingly aggressive style of the Long Beach team.

Dance routines where performed by the cheerleaders during halftime, while the snack stand enticed more people. (Yes, they really do have a snack stand in the gym. And it was open, too.)

In the beginning of the second half, we noticed something bizarre beginning to occur.

Several portions of the spirited, seemingly normal, Long Beach fans began the transformation into pathetically rude beasts.

"You f—ing Monarch, you are just a bunch of pr–ks," said a slightly overweight Long Beach student to the surrounding crowd.

And that was one of the nicer things that we heard all evening.

These were not an isolated instances. We had moved our seat several times, and encountered this rudeness no matter where we moved.

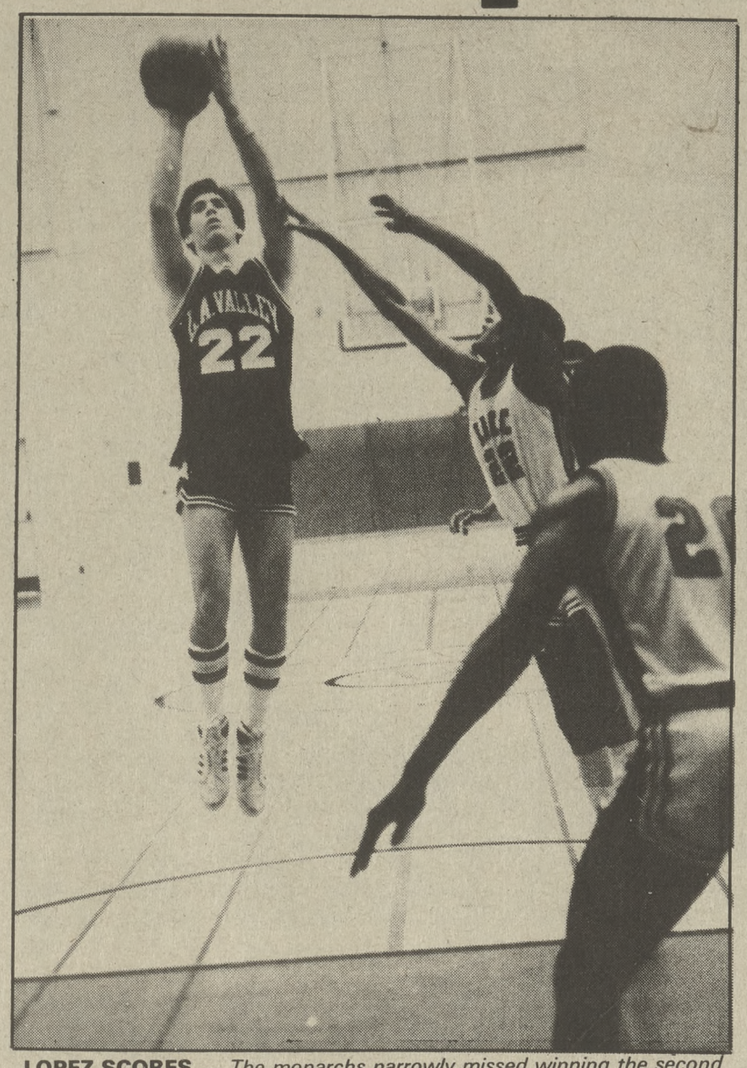
The people, it appeared, had only come to release their hostilities.

Our attention returned to the game as the score was tied at 52-52 and the clock showed two minutes left in the game. The plays were intense, but despite a determined effort by the Monarchs, they lost 55-53.

When we were preparing to leave the once-inviting gym, we re-examined our feelings about the lack of participation, at the basketball games, demonstrated by Valley students.

Maybe we don't have a snack stand, maybe our crowds are not as large, and maybe we don't have a band — but, heck, at least at Valley we know we are watching the game with people who believe in the team.

And what a team.



LOPEZ SCORES — *The monarchs narrowly missed winning the second game of the season when Long Beach pulled ahead in final minutes of the game.*

Star Photo By DAVID P. SCHAMUS

Personality Profile

Fontenette talks about his favorite; basketball

By JILL SCHULTZ
News Editor

James Fontenette's passion for basketball shines through as he relives Valley's basketball season.

"The team has so much talent this year and I just can't believe how many games we have lost by only two points. The game against Long Beach was the dagger," he said, stabbing an imaginary knife through the table. "I can't believe it, that loss really put the team away."

He covered his face with his hands and moaned, "There goes the rest of my day. Why did I have to remember that game?"

He paused, took a deep breath, and continued," the breaks just haven't gone the coaches way this year."

Fontenette believes in both the coach and team.

"Coach Stephens is very strict, and very disciplinary on the court," he added, sitting up becoming aware of his posture. "But, he is the warmest person you would ever want to meet," he affirmed.

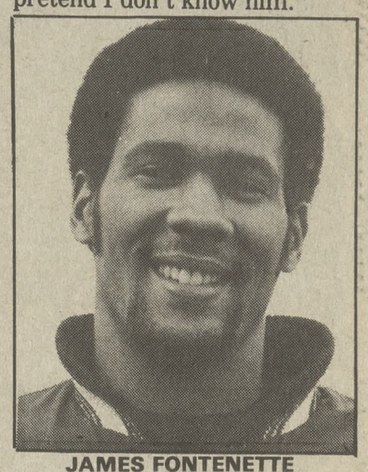
Fontenette is honest about his future in basketball, as he doesn't plan to play pro ball, because "it takes a certain caliber of player and a certain amount of God given talent, that I do not think I have."

He does, however, want to play basketball for a college and he has received offers from two colleges in Montano. "Both have a high academic standard, and both have good electronic department, both appeal to me."

Fontenette, who's mind was still on the two point loss to Long Beach, said, "You know, the crowds have a definite effect on our performance, the cheering, the noise, it gets your adrenalin flowing."

"It's great to know someone is supporting you."

"My brother is great for spirit, but sometimes," he laughed, "he gets a little carried away. He rides the referees and the other team. It's funny, but I just pretend I don't know him."



JAMES FONTENETTE

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The tournament will take place in the Recreation Room and the deadline for all entries is Feb. 19.

Additional information can be obtained either from John Stark, director of the Recreation Room, or in the Recreation Room itself, located in the Campus Center, lower level, room 8.

The room is open daily between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Game Plan

Results:

Basketball-Men's

Feb. 5	vs. Long Beach lost	57-54

Basketball-Women's

Feb. 8	vs. Compton lost	60-27

Swimming-Men's

Feb. 9	vs. Chaffey won	75-28

Swimming-Women's

Feb. 9	vs. Chaffey won	73-51

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Baseball

Feb. 13	vs. Antelope Valley at LAVC	1 p.m.
Feb. 16	vs. College of the Canyons at COC	2 p.m.
Feb. 18	vs. Santa Monica at Santa Monica	2 p.m.

Basketball-Men's

Feb. 12	vs. Bakersfield at Valley	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	vs. Pierce at Pierce	7:30 p.m.

Basketball-Women's

Feb. 16	vs. East L.A. at Valley	4 p.m.

Softball

Feb. 15	vs. Santa Monica at Santa Monica	3 p.m.
Feb. 17	vs. Fullerton at Fullerton	3:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Feb. 13	USVBA Tournament at Valley (tentatively scheduled)	All Day

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Coach hurting for players

LAVC alumnus coaching softball

By ROBERT WEAVER
Staff Writer

Jeanne Ramirez is looking for a few good women softball players.

The Valley College Women's Softball team will b egin pre-conference play at Santa Monica next Monday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m. and Ramirez is its newly-appointed coach.

A second scrimmage, at Fullerton, will follow on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 3:30 p.m. The team will play mainly on Mondays and Wednesdays with a few games scheduled on Fridays.

League play begins March 22 when Valley will host Pasadena. The season culminates with the State Tourney, May 21 and 22.

The initial player turnout for the team was low this season.

"Last week I was hurting," Ramirez said.

The ranks are growing, but Ramirez is still looking for new players. She wants to give everybody a chance.

Coach Ramirez will be looking at new players for the next few weeks. Women interested in playing on the team will find Ramirez working with the team on the softball diamonds most afternoons after 2 p.m.

Ramirez is a Valley alumnus currently majoring in Physical Education at Cal State Northridge. She has been playing ASA semi-pro softball for the last three years.

At 21, Ramirez is perhaps the youngest person to coach a team at Valley. She is determined to make her first season a good one.

Most of the players on the team are newcomers to Valley, but they don't lack experience.

"They're good athletes with a lot of potential," said Ramirez.

She says women on the Valley softball team play mainly for enjoyment.

"They come here for the education and play ball here," Ramirez said. "Most like the competition. The Metro Conference is pretty competitive."

Ramirez sees the competitive urge more pronounced in women than in men.

" Women are more aggressive, quite frankly," she said.

Even so, Ramirez doesn't see much future for professional women's softball.

"Expense is the major factor," Ramirez said. "Semi-pro is better off."

Although she has only had a few weeks of preparation, Ramirez is confident that her team will do well.

"Things will start to pick up and develop," she said.

JEANNE RAMIREZ — *coach of women's softball team.*

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IT'S ALL IN THE GAME — *pinball captivates the attention of two Valley College students.*

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STARRY EYED — *Jim Beaudry is lost in a game of Asteroids.*

Pool, pinball, and people

Fun for all in Valley rec room

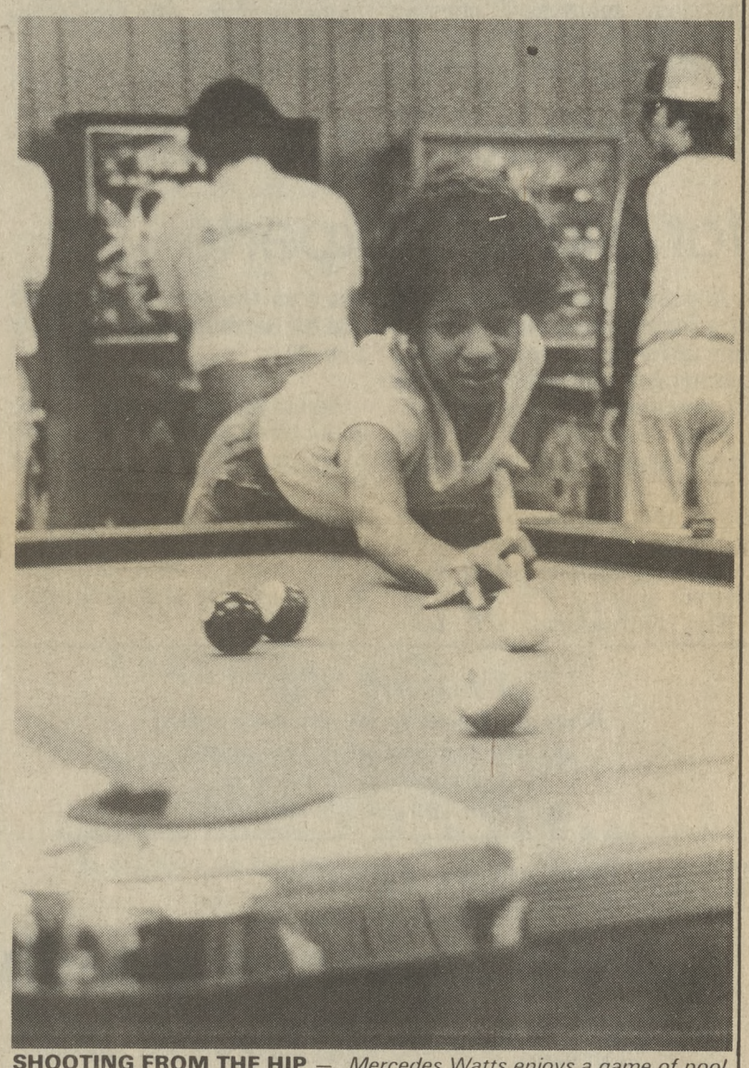
By MARC LUBIN
Staff Writer

The Valley College Recreational Room, located in the basement of the Campus Center, is "a great place to meet people or just unwind after classes" according to John Stark, recreational intramural director. Stark says it also happens to be a "gold mine" for the campus.

The pool tables and pinball and video games, which include METEOR, FIREPOWER, XENON, GORF, SPACE INVADERS, and ASTEROIDS, are owned and maintained by an outside company. The school gets a percentage of the profit made on these machines. The rec room also has soft drink and junk food machines which are owned by the school, as well as a television.

Jodina Loggs, a student at LAVC, says that he frequently comes down to the rec room just to "kill time" until his next class. The room is open from 7:30 a.m. until 3 or 4 p.m. depending upon how many people are around at the end of the day, according to Stuart Goldstein, one of the workers at the rec room.

The 7th Annual Pool and Pinball Tournaments are being held this month. Today is the deadline for entering the Pool Tournament, and it will be held Feb. 16 through 18. The Pinball Tournament will be held Feb. 23 and 25 and the deadline for entry is Feb. 19. Both are single elimination tournaments and trophies will be given for first and second places.



SHOOTING FROM THE HIP — *Mercedes Watts enjoys a game of pool in the rec room.*

For LAVC DJ announcing in darkness, blindness is only a minor inconvenience

By MIKE BRAILER
Assoc. Editor

At KVCM, the campus radio station, student disc jockey John Cowles is on the air. Carefully, he places a record on the turntable and gently brings the needle down. Cowles takes better care of the records than the other deejays. He has to.

Cowles has been blind since birth.

The independent, ever cheerful 28-year old has been keeping busy these days. Besides his classes and his radio show every Friday at noon, Cowles gives his time to many civic groups near his Sylmar home.

He and LAVC are no strangers to one another. After receiving his A.A. degree here in 1976, he went to Cal State Northridge, where he "got burnt out with it" and dropped out, he says.

Then, "somebody said to me, 'Why don't you try radio'?" he recalls. "I said, 'You gotta be crazy'." But, gradually, the idea made sense to him, and soon, he was in Valley's broadcasting program and on the air.

The best way to learn is by making mistakes and screwing up," he says. If so, his first day on the air must have been quite a learning experience. Cowles grins as he recalls the story. Things were going smoothly that day, until he said, "This is KVCM, where the time is . . ." But Cowles' braille watch had stopped, leaving him fumbling for a way out. To make matters worse, his engineer, Jo Delavigne, whispered the incorrect time from the studio clock, which hadn't been set back from Daylight Savings Time.

Today, Cowles presides over a rock and roll and sports commentary show. An avid sports fan, he likes to predict major games by studying team statistics. He claims 60 percent accuracy, including last year's Super Bowl.

Cowles doesn't see his handicap as an advantage or a disadvantage. He doesn't even think it's a handicap. "Just a minor inconvenience," he smiles. "Blindness will never hurt me (in broadcasting) because there's nothing I can't do."

He credits his parents for his optimistic outlook. "I was very fortunate in that my parents made me do a lot of things for myself."

But for now, Cowles is still learning. As one song ends, he ad libs briefly as his hand feels along the second turntable, locates the switch, and starts the next song.

Cowles leans back, his enduring smile growing a little wider.

PILOT OF THE AIRWAVES — *Blindness is "just a minor inconvenience" to John Cowles, student dee jay.*

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